

Application of  
Absolute Home Phones, Inc.  
For a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to  
Provide Interexchange and  
Local Exchange  
Telecommunications Services and  
for local service offerings to be regulated  
in accordance with procedures authorized  
for NewSouth Communications in Order  
No. 98-165 in docket No. 97-467-C; and  
For interexchange service offerings to be  
regulated in accordance with procedures  
established for alternative regulation in  
Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in  
Docket No. 95-661-C.

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## COVER SHEET

## DOCKET

NUMBER: 2010 - 178 - CSubmitted by: Claudia McDowell

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- ☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition ☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously  
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June 4, 2010

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk of the Commission  
The Public Service Commission  
State of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210  
(803) 896-5100

RE: Absolute Home Phones, Inc.  
Docket No. 2010-178-C  
Notice of Filing and Hearing

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original Affidavits of Publications and the dates published:

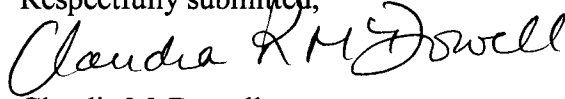
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| 1. | The Florence Morning News | May 27, 2010 |
| 2. | The Greenville News       | May 27, 2010 |
| 3. | The Post and Courier      | May 27, 2010 |
| 4. | The State                 | May 27, 2010 |

I have enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date-stamped and returned in the enclosed envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (770) 232 -9200 or e-mail me at [cmcdowell@telecomcounsel.com](mailto:cmcdowell@telecomcounsel.com).

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Chief Clerk of the Commission  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia R McDowell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "M".

Claudia McDowell  
Legal Assistant to  
Lance J.M. Steinhart  
Attorney for Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

Enclosures

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Carolina Publishing

Advertising Affidavit

P.O Box 100528  
Florence, SC 29501  
(843) 317-6397

Account Number

Date

May 27, 2010

SHAKER ADVERTISING  
1100 LAKE ST  
SHAKER BUILDING-MARIE LARSON  
OAK PARK, IL 60301-1015

| Date       | Category      | Description                              | Ad Size   | Total Cost |
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2010-178-C**  
Absolute Home Phones, Inc. ("Absolute Home Phones" or "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange service in the State of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(B) and Section 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Applicant requests that the local service offerings be regulated in accordance with procedures for New South Communications in Order No. 1998-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C. In addition, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-585 (Supp. 2009), the Applicant requests that its long distance service offerings be regulated in accordance with procedures established for alternative regulation pursuant to Order No. 1995-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C, and as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C. Absolute Home Phones intends to offer interexchange service to both business and residential customers throughout the State of South Carolina. The Applicant intends to provide local exchange service to customers located in non-rural exchange carriers' service areas of South Carolina. The Applicant intends to utilize AT&T South Carolina, and other equivalent providers as its underlying interexchange carriers. A copy of the Company's entire Application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2010-178-C. A copy of the Application is also available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2010, before a Hearing Examiner, in the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. **PLEASE BE ADVISED** that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws - Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before June 22, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2010-178-C.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Scott Elliott, at the above address, on or before June 22, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2010-178-C.

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Public Service Commission  
of South Carolina  
Attn: Clerk's Office  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(May 27, 2010)

**Media General Operations, Inc.**

**Publisher of the  
Morning News**

This is to certify that the attached PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION was published in the Morning News in the City of Florence, state of South Carolina on the following dates:

05/27/2010

The First insertion being given ... 05/27/2010

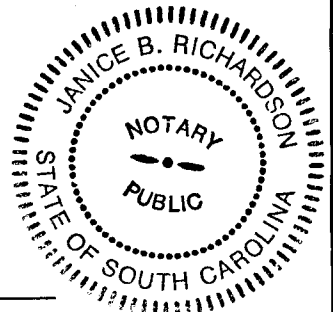
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

5/27/10

Notary Public

Supervisor



State of South Carolina  
My Commission expires

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 16, 2019

THIS IS NOT A BILL. PLEASE PAY FROM INVOICE. THANK YOU

# AFFIDAVIT

I, Susan Mullinas, being the  
Advertising Sales Agent for Gannett, Inc., do hereby testify that  
the attached legal ad was published on  
May 27, 2010,  
in *The Greenville News* and/or *The Tribune Times*.

Susan Mullinas  
Sales Agent

Carlotta G. Bell  
Carlotta G. Bell  
Notary Public for the State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires August 16, 2010

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PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
CLERK'S OFFICE

## NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2010-178-C  
Absolute Home Phones, Inc. ("Absolute Home Phones" or "Applicant") has filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety to provide long distance, local exchange and interexchange service in the State of South Carolina. Any person who wishes to participate in this matter should file a Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety with the Commission by June 22, 2010. The Commission will hold a hearing on the matter on June 22, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, at the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda, South Carolina 29156. PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws - Section 39-9-280, as amended, the Commission will not accept any application for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter should file a Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety with the Commission by June 22, 2010. The Commission will hold a hearing on the matter on June 22, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, at the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda, South Carolina 29156. PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws - Section 39-9-280, as amended, the Commission will not accept any application for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety for consideration of this matter.

Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Applicant requests that the local service offerings be regulated in accordance with the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission will hold a hearing on the matter on June 22, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, at the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda, South Carolina 29156. PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws - Section 39-9-280, as amended, the Commission will not accept any application for a Certificate of Public Convenience, Comfort, and Safety for consideration of this matter.

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South Carolina 29211

MARY ANDERSEN SHAKER ADVERTISING  
1408 N. WESTSHORE BLVD.  
TAMPA FL 33607

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

# The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

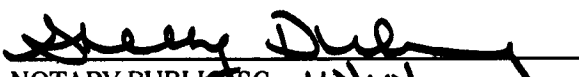
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05/27/10 Thu PC  
05/27/10 Thu CNW

at a cost of \$295.47  
Account# 107537  
Order# 319868  
P.O. Number: 9913910

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 27th day  
of May  
A.D. 2010

  
advertising clerk

  
NOTARY PUBLIC, SC  
My commission expires 10/10/13

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE FILING AND DOCKETING DOCKET NO. 2010-178-C

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Public Service Commission of  
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Attn: Clerk's Office  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211  
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THE STATE MEDIA CO., INC.  
Columbia, South Carolina  
publisher of

**The State**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Brian Nalepa, Advertising Operations  
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Notice of Filing and Hearing – Docket 2010-178-C Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

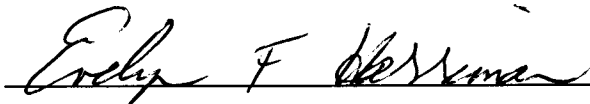
was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in  
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issue(s) of

May 27, 2010



Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day May 28, 2010



Notary Public

My commission expires  
March 10, 2013

*"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in  
or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed  
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in  
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."*



**PUBLIC SERVICE  
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